

A Day in Brazil_{by: khalil}

One day I woke up just like any normal day. Only it wasn't. I looked up and I saw a lot of soldiers getting ready for something. As I wonder to myself, what are they doing? They are yelling like they are angry and they are training very hard. They all left and now I'm looking at my phone and there is no service, I check my TV and there is no service I check my radio and nothing. I opened my front door and everything looked different. I looked down and on my front porch there was a bag with clothes, a water purifier, a pocket knife, food, a tent, blankets and pillow. As I dug further in the backpack I discovered guns and ammunition.

I was really confused and didn't know what was going on. As I see a person walking on the sidewalk he is wearing very weird clothes, they seem old. I walk up to the person and ask him what is going on, why does everything look different. As the man gives me a nasty look he says "what are you talking about." I respond with "Everything looks different: the cars, the buildings, the clothes, nothing looks new and high tech". He looks at me confused and says "there is a world war going on, nothing is new here and Brazil just sent their first army to war".

Now I realized that I was in Brazil, not my house. I ask the guy, “what year is it?” He responds “1916.” My jaw dropped and I didn’t know what to think about as so much was on my mind. I ran back to my house and suddenly I heard sirens go off like tornado sirens and a man started talking. However, they are talking in Portuguese, so I can't understand what they are saying. They sound scared, and are yelling like something bad is going to happen. As planes fly over my head they drop something circular It's shaped like an oval. Then it hits the ground and it blows up. As there are multiple planes that are flying over with these bombs and dropping them I think to myself how did this happen so quickly. I go inside my house and grab the bag with the supplies and I try running away from where the bombs are being dropped. But now there are other people that look like soldiers that are shooting innocent people. I ran into a restaurant and hid where the kitchen was and reached into my bag and grabbed my gun and pocket knife. I put them on the sides of my pants. I ran out of the restaurant and ran as far as I could then I made it to a river. Everything was in ruins people dead, trees burning, and buildings in shambles too. I go into my bag and grab the water purifier and some food. I was eating so then I got a move on.

I made it to another town that was surprisingly not affected by those people that were invading the town I was just in. I try to warn them but they are not speaking English, they are speaking Portuguese. Then I hear planes and see people running from other people with guns. But now I see other soldiers, the ones from earlier that were training. They are fighting back but now it's a war with bullets flying everywhere. Then a guy punches me straight to my face and then I grab my gun and point it at him then he runs away. But now I have to find shelter.

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I ran into a house and there was another family in there, they looked scared and didn't know what to do. It was a mother and two kids, young kids. I didn't know what to do, leave them there or help them out. Then a soldier walks in one of the bad ones, and raises his gun up to the lady and her kids. I raise up my gun to the guy and shoot him. But the blood got on the lady. I go over to comfort" but she starts to yell at me. I don't know exactly what she is saying, but she seems mad so I just left.

As I move and sneak around the soldiers the people seem to be in groups like they are captured by those soldiers. I ran off to another place and found somewhere I could sleep so I went to sleep. I woke up the next morning and saw craters and everything in ruins, also no people in sight.

I walk around and notice that there is an army not the one that saw I think it's the people that invaded. They saw me and then ran after me. They followed me into a city that was in ruins. Then I hid, I heard them yelling at each other for not capturing me, then I think they split up to find me. One sees me but I try to run then the other people that split up found me. They grab me and take me to where they captured all the other people.

I see hundreds of other people there, they are hurt, look sad, and some have lost their family. I still have the weapons and my backpack but now I don't really know what to do because I can't understand what the people are saying, but I need to think of a way to escape and to hide somewhere till this war ends. Or even find people that can speak English so then I can know why

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this war is happening and why I am here. I look around and see that where I am is like a prison but with no prison cells. I wait 'til night time. It is really dark, I get up, guards are scouting and looking for any people trying to escape. I just decided to run straight to the doors and decided to make a run for it. Then I got shot in the leg, as I was screaming in pain on the ground they started running for me to capture me. I passed out. I wake up with the prisoners protecting me and fighting for me. There are more prisoners than guards so if we fight back we can really win. All they have is weapons. As I watch all of the fighting happen I see my backpack with my stuff. I ran over and everything is still in there so then I grab it and make a run for it. I got to a big gate, opened it and ran away. I saw planes so I decided to try and go inside of it. It didn't work out so I just hopped into a car that was next to the plane. Thankfully there were keys next to it so I could drive it. When I was in my time I was able to drive a car and now it's coming in handy.

I drove and drove and drove until I came to a stop. There were some people walking so I decided to talk to them. Maybe they know how to speak English. My heart dropped when they could speak english! I start talking to them about everything that is going on. They are from the U.S.A and so am I! Their names are Luis and Hector. We talk about a plan to escape and make it back to the U.S. We talk about how we need to go north. We all hop into my car and start going north towards North America. As the day goes, we took turns driving and saw horrific sights that will sicken you to your stomach. We ran out of gas but had like 50 miles worth of driving so we are close to the border. But I opened the bandage on my leg where I got shot because it was really bugging me. As I open it it's infected and if I don't fix it it could cause me to never use my leg again so I need to get to North america so I can get some medicine for it. But now we have to

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walk so it's going to be even harder for me. There were some people that were walking next to us, so we called them out. But it doesn't seem like they speak english so we try moving on but one of them tries robbing our stuff. I threatened him with my weapon but he was acting crazy and kept on trying to hit us. I didn't want to do this but I had to shoot him. The rest of them run away. We kept on moving forward and we saw the border but we think it will take like another 2 days to get there.

We woke up the next day. We keep on walking and now we are in front of the border and some guards ask who we are. We responded that we were displaced and sent to brazil. He responded that you guys came all the way from Brazil and he let us in and we were sent to a refugee camp. That's how I survived the world war in brazil.